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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 7/29/2008 have been considered but they are not persuasive.

1. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the feature upon which applicant relies (i.e., "a grating receiving light *after* it passes through the hermetic glass" (applicant's response, page 9)) is not recited in the rejected claims. Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).
2. The applicant argues that the glass must be between the grating and the laser. However, this limitation is not present in the language of claim 1. Claim 1 recites "a grating that receives a beam emitted from the semiconductor laser device through the glass window and returns a beam having a predetermined wavelength to the semiconductor laser device." As stated in the previous office action, Kato teaches using a window to seal a laser. The window also serves emit the beam from the laser device. Asakura teaches a grating that receives a beam and returns a beam having a predetermined wavelength to the semiconductor laser device. The emitted beam and the received beam are the same beam in the combination and the limitation in claim 1 is met.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Carter whose telephone number is (571) 270-1872. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Minsun Harvey can be reached on (571) 272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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